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1. The Lek-Tovarna-Stravil pharmaceutical factory is located in Ljubljana, Celovska Cesta Nr. 135. Formerly a private enterprise, it is now under the direction of the Belgrade Health Ministry. There are only two other pharmaceutical firms in all Yugoslavia, the Pliva firm in Zagreb and the Galenika firm in Belgrade-Semlin. The Lek firm has a small sister plant in the village of Menges, about 17 kilometers southwest of Ljubljana. Located on the edge of Menges, about four hundred meters from the rail section, this branch plant produces alkaloids, mercury salt, and bismuth salt. It employs between thirty and fifty persons.

2. The Lek plant in Ljubljana consists of two adjoining buildings at right angles to one another. One is an old two-story shop, the other a three-story building still under construction in December 1948. Each building measures approximately 30 x 12 meters. On the second floor of the old building are the ampule-filling room and the packing rooms for the tablets and ampules. On the ground floor tablets are produced. The laboratories are to be transferred to the new building.

3. The plant is equipped with modern machines of Hungarian and German origin. Lacking a power plant of its own, it draws its electricity from the city through an overhead line. Raw materials are imported from [redacted] Russia. Some of the supplies were obtained through UNRRA deliveries. The plant employs about a hundred persons, mostly women and girls, who work one eight hour shift.

4. The production of the undertaking is, by Yugoslavian standards, quite large. The yearly production of tablets amounts to 50,000,000 pieces. Twenty-five different kinds of tablets are produced: aspirin, pyramidon, codeine, "Ephetrin" (ephedrine?), "Cotenin", and others. About twenty-five different ampule products are manufactured and bottled, among them "Atrinalin" (adrenaline?) and atropine.

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